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- II. Cuba's invitation of ten Honduran students and pro-Castro congressmen to "underdeveloped nations" conference indicates Cuba now resigned to accept unofficial delegations from all or most LA countries.
- A. Conference thus will be far cry from the meeting of official delegations headed by prominent personages which was originally envisaged by Castro.
- B. But carefully selected unofficial delegations will assure Castro's control.

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- IV. Communists stepping up efforts to win complete control Cuba's powerful labor confederation.
- A. Labor minister Martinez Sanchez, close associate of Raul Castro, is putting government's weight on side of Communists in bitter sub-surface maneuvering in labor confederation.
- V. President Eisenhower's letter to Chilean students received wide notice in Cuba.

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- A. Government line is that reference to Cuba in letter is "pretext for launching a direct attack on revolutionary government"; that President is "as almost always, badly informed"; that letter is proof of falseness of the claim that US does not intervene in affairs of LA countries; that President never demonstrated concern over democratic processes in Cuba during Batista dictatorship.
- B. However, reaction to President's letter favorable among many Cubans disillusioned with Castro.

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